



# OFFICE OF DRUG CONTROL POLICY

## KENTUCKY JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY CABINET

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LAURIE K. DUDGEON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ODCP - JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY CABINET

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## JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY CABINET APPOINTS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR ODCP



Laurie K. Dudgeon  
Executive Director

The Justice & Public Safety Cabinet announced Staff Attorney Laurie K. Dudgeon will serve as executive director of the Office of Drug Control Policy. Dudgeon replaces interim executive director Teresa A. Barton.

"During her career as a practicing attorney, Laurie saw first hand the devastation that drugs can have on people. I am confident she will draw

on her experience and commitment to fight substance abuse," said Governor Fletcher. "We are pleased to have her join the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet."

"From the moment Ms. Dudgeon was appointed as executive director of ODCP, she has hit the ground running," said Teresa A. Barton, Justice Cabinet Deputy Secretary. "Laurie has already made significant strides in a short time and I am convinced she has the dedication and knowledge to fulfill the mission of ODCP."

Prior to joining the Justice Cabinet in 2005, Dudgeon worked in private practice for eleven years.

"I look forward to this opportunity to continue the success ODCP has already established," said Dudgeon. "Kentucky is a national

leader when it comes to developing drug control policy. Preventing drug abuse through prevention-education, law enforcement and treatment is truly a noble cause which everyone can support."

Governor Fletcher created ODCP in September 2004 to coordinate Kentucky's response to substance abuse; close gaps in service and administrative issues to improve drug control programs; and to implement effective strategies and long-range planning in Kentucky.

Prior to her appointment as Executive Director of ODCP, Laurie was an attorney with the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Laurie's areas of practice have included constitutional law, employment law, administrative law, commercial and residential real estate.

Laurie has been actively involved in local charities, including Hospice of the Bluegrass, the American Cancer Society and the New Horizons Child Development Center.

Dudgeon received a bachelor's degree in History from the University of Kentucky. She graduated from UK Law School in 1994. Dudgeon is originally from Somerset, Kentucky, but now resides in Frankfort.

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## GOVERNOR FLETCHER PRESENTS COMMUNITY FUNDING AT SOMERSET-PULASKI COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Governor Ernie Fletcher visited Somerset October 3 to announce funding for various community projects. The announcements included a ceremonial check from ODCP in the amount of \$143,000 to the Lake Cumberland Area Drug Task Force. The Task Force has been in operation since October, 1993, and provides drug law enforcement to Pulaski, Wayne and McCreary Counties.

In 2005, the task force initiated 543 criminal investigations which resulted in the arrest of 134 defendants and seizure of \$818,581 in drug proceeds and assets.

"Law enforcement officers witness firsthand the impact drugs have on many communities throughout the Commonwealth, and Somerset is no exception," said Teresa Barton, Justice deputy secretary. "This grant money will assist the Lake Cumberland Drug Task Force in fulfilling their commitment to their communities and protect neighborhoods against drugs."

In addition, the Governor presented a check for \$25,288.51 to officials from Adanta Regional Prevention Center to help assist in



the implementation of science-based curriculum in schools, as well as alcohol, tobacco and drug prevention surveys and successful anti-drug media campaigns. Adanta RPC serves Wayne and Taylor Counties.

"Projects such as these are indicative of my goal to build strong communities with healthy people all across our great Commonwealth," Governor Fletcher added. The check presentations were made during the Governor's speech at a luncheon hosted by the Somerset-Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce.

## GOVERNOR FLETCHER ANNOUNCES MORE THAN \$1.7 MILLION FOR GRAYSON COUNTY COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Governor Ernie Fletcher visited Leitchfield October 23 to present city and county officials with funding for several community projects. The announcements included \$55,295 for the Grayson County Detention Center from ODCP to provide substance abuse treatment.



"Drug abuse and addiction are a statewide problem that doesn't stop at any city or county line," said Governor Fletcher. "We need

to continue to work together to rid Kentucky of this problem – a problem ruining the lives of so many people. If we help inmates prepare to re-enter society by providing job training and treatment for substance abuse, we ultimately make our communities safer by reducing the chance that those inmates will return to a life of crime."

"If we invest resources while inmates are incarcerated that will help them prepare to re-enter society, which will make our communities safer," said Laurie Dudgeon, executive director of ODCP. "We must end the revolving door cycle in our state, where we are releasing offenders from prison, only to have them go back out and offend again because they are still drug addicts. The plan to focus instead on treatment and prevention-education is long overdue."

The Governor also presented checks from the Transportation Cabinet, Department of Agriculture and Governor's Office for Local Development.

## GOVERNOR FLETCHER PARTICIPATES IN THE CHAMPIONS/KY-ASAP ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Governor Fletcher delivered opening remarks October 25 at the "Power of One," 2006 Champions for a Drug-Free Kentucky/KY-ASAP annual conference presented by ODCP. The Governor recognized the Kentucky Youth Empowerment System Award recipient from Perry County, Commodores Against Substance Abuse and the ODCP Lifetime Achievement Award winner, Lt. Colonel Danny Fenwick (retired).

"Champions Coalitions and the KY-ASAP board members play an important role in teaching our communities and youth about the dangers of substance abuse," said Governor Fletcher. "I know that communities are at the heart of any successes we will have in the area of substance abuse, your efforts contribute to a future of promise and hope for all."

"We must stand with our families to help them raise healthy, responsible children. And when it comes to helping children make right choices, there is work for all of us to do," said Laurie K. Dudgeon, executive director of ODCP. "One of the worst decisions our children can make is to gamble their lives and futures on drugs. ODCP



is helping Kentuckians confront this problem with aggressive prevention-education, treatment and law enforcement."

Nearly 200 representatives of anti-drug groups from across the state participated in the conference. Derek

Peterson, a child/youth advocate for the Institute for Community and Adolescent Resilience, delivered the keynote address. He has delivered over 1,700 workshops throughout the world. His presentations bring a message of hope to youth, families, communities and schools.

Former Governor Martha Layne Collins, who established Champions Coalitions in Kentucky 20 years ago, also spoke at the conference.

## FIRST LADY GLENNA FLETCHER "PLANTS THE PROMISE," PROMOTES RED RIBBON WEEK AT EVENT



First Lady Glenna Fletcher participated in a Red Ribbon Week event October 26 in Frankfort, where she spoke about the importance of keeping children safe and drug-free. Mrs. Fletcher,

who was joined by youth from across Kentucky, planted a red tulip in recognition of the theme of Red Ribbon Week: "Freedom is Drug-Free, Plant the Promise." The theme is meant to symbolize hope and serve as a reminder to youth to stay drug-free. BG Norman Arflack, secretary of the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, also participated in the event.

"Red Ribbon Week is an opportunity for all Kentuckians to send a clear and unequivocal message that drugs damage communities, families and lives – whether it is through lost productivity, unfulfilled

dreams, drunken driving or addictions," said Mrs. Fletcher. "We need to encourage young people to be drug-free and continue to look for new and innovative ways to educate our children about the dangers of drug use."

During Red Ribbon Week, schools, businesses, families and youth across America will plant bulbs that will bloom into vibrant red tulips and serve as a reminder to stay drug-free. Most bulbs that are planted during October will bloom in April, during National Alcohol Awareness Month.

The national Red Ribbon Campaign began in 1985 after drug traffickers in Mexico City murdered DEA Agent Kiki Camarena. Since then, red ribbons have been used as a symbol of intolerance towards the use of drugs. The Red Ribbon Campaign is now the oldest and largest drug prevention program in the nation, reaching millions of young people during Red Ribbon Week, which is officially held from October 23-31.



## KENTUCKY PARTICIPATES IN NATIONAL METHAMPHETAMINE AWARENESS DAY

Kentucky's Office of Drug Control Policy partnered with a number of local, state and federal agencies November 30 to generate awareness about the damaging effects of meth abuse on individuals, families and communities. As part of National Methamphetamine Awareness Day, Scott Burns, deputy director for State and Local Affairs in the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, spoke about the nationwide efforts to increase awareness and decrease the demand of meth.

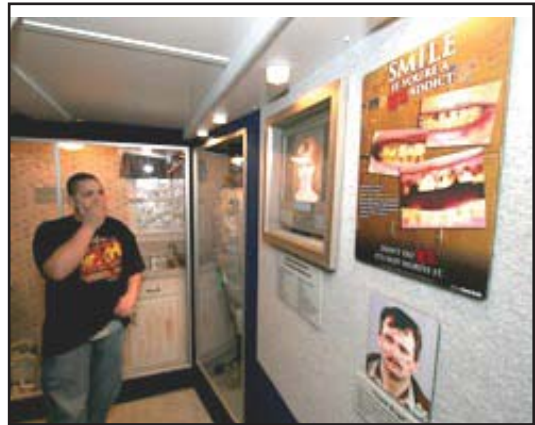
"National Methamphetamine Awareness Day provides an opportunity to thank the prevention, treatment and law enforcement professionals who are making a difference in states like Kentucky, and should serve as a catalyst for all Americans to get involved in the effort to further reduce methamphetamine use" said Scott Burns, deputy director of ONDCP.

The day featured students from Bate Middle School in Danville who performed a theatrical production addressing the dangers of meth use, production, sale and its role in creating a destructive drug culture in communities and its schools. Eddie Todd, a recovering meth addict, also spoke about his struggle with meth and how he overcame the addiction.



"The methamphetamine challenge has touched communities across the Commonwealth differently, but its devastating consequences are endured by all Kentuckians. By helping to educate our citizens about the misery and destruction meth causes, we can continue to work on solving the problem," said Governor Fletcher. "Together with our federal, state and local partners, we are aggressively pushing back against the drug and are working to make Kentucky a safer place."

"While there is little doubt that Kentucky's proactive anti-meth education efforts have proven successful, we know we must continue to be ever vigilant in preventing the growing influence of meth from gaining a greater hold on our communities," said Laurie Dudgeon, executive director of ODCP. "It's essential to remember that the real victims of meth are people, children, neighbors and the community at-large."



During the press conference, Senator Robert Stivers discussed proposed legislation involving methamphetamine, the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky, Amul Thapar, made brief remarks and Holly Hopper, founder and chair of the Kentucky Alliance for Drug Endangered Children, talked about the effects methamphetamine has on children.

The Kentucky State Police drug abuse education trailer was also on site. The Substance Abuse Information Center features a mock methamphetamine lab and marijuana grow, a video presentation of actual meth users, before and after images of actual drug users and a video loop of drug messages.



## KENTUCKY NARCOTIC OFFICER'S CONFERENCE TAKES PLACE IN LOUISVILLE



The 2nd Annual Narcotic Officer's Conference was held in Louisville December 4-6. The event was sponsored by ODCP, Kentucky Narcotic Officers' Association, Kentucky State Police and the Regional Organized Crime Information Center.

Nearly 350 representatives of law enforcement throughout the state attended. The conference featured topics regarding the scope of Kentucky's prescription drug problems, internet drug investigations, parcel interdiction, asset forfeiture and Mexican drug cartels. Local, state and federal law enforcement agencies were represented at the conference.

"The Office of Drug Control Policy as a part of the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet is the central coordinating agency for anti-drug efforts in the Commonwealth," stated Laurie Dudgeon, executive director for ODCP. "The education and training this conference offers is invaluable to the officers in the fight against drugs."

"Finding ways to work together toward the same goal at the local, state and federal levels is vital in our ongoing battle against substance abuse," says Teresa Barton, deputy secretary of

the Justice & Public Safety Cabinet. "It is so important to share information from officers-on-the-beat on through the federal level, and back again, so every member of law enforcement can work as a team in targeting drug abuse."

"It is always good to bring narcotic officers from across the state together to network and meet their counterparts. This allows officers to reach out to their counterparts as investigations frequently cross jurisdictional lines" stated Tommy Loving, director of the Bowling Green-Warren County Drug Task Force and president of the Kentucky Narcotic Officers' Association. "The Kentucky Narcotic Officers' Association extends much gratitude to the Office of Drug Control Policy because without their logistic and financial support, the KNOA and Annual Narcotic Officer's Conference would not have achieved the level it has in just over two years. Also, many thanks to the Kentucky State Police and Regional Organized Crime Information Center for their assistance with the conference and support of KNOA."

Deputy Secretary Barton presented the Narcotic Officer of the Year Award to Detective Ron Lafferty of the Barren-Edmonson County Drug Task Force.

The Office of Drug Control Policy and its partners plan to host the conference again in December 2007 in Louisville.

## 2006 KENTUCKY NARCOTIC OFFICER'S CONFERENCE AWARDS



Tommy Loving presented Dave Gilbert, former president of the Kentucky Narcotic Officers' Association, with the Outstanding Service as President of KNOA for 2005 and 2006.



Tommy Loving presented Teresa A. Barton with the 2006 Outstanding Leadership in Drug Enforcement Award from the Kentucky Narcotic Officers' Association.



Teresa A. Barton presented Senator Richie Sanders with the Legislative Leadership Award.